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Applicant: Hiroshi YAMAGUCHI Conf.: 4884
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated July 1, 2002, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to January 2, 2002 (HOLIDAY), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A retrieval system for retrieving an image from an image data base, comprising:
a storage device for storing compressed image data of said image, said storage device including the image data base;

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